(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet the demand of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) During 1993- 94, 12.4 lakti new connections were provided in the country against the annual target of 11.0 lakh whereas in Punjab 59008 new connections were provided against the target of 51000 during the year 1993-94.

During 1994-95, a target ot 14 lakh new telephone connections hat been fixed for the countiy including 70500 for Punjab.

(c) As regards expansion of telephone facilities, the department of telecom has formulated 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) which envisages addition of 75 lakh new telephone connections in the countiy out of which 396700 lines in Punjab. However, National Telecom Policy 1994 envisage* to provide telephone connections on demand by 1-4-1997. Plans are being drawn accordingly to meet the objectives.

Revenue Earned from Telephone, Post and Telegraph Services

1936. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total revenue earned through telephone, post and telegraph services in the country during the last three years ; and

(b) the details of the amount spent for the development of these services during the aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The total revenue earned through Telephone, Post and Telegraph (including Telex) services in the country during the last three years is as follows:—

(In crores of Rs.)

Year	Telephone	Post	Telegraph (including Telex)
1991-92 .	4708.44	947.87	272.80
1992-93 .	5910.50	1073.90	272.11
1993-94 .	8017.60	1105.17	260.06

(b) The details of the amount spent for the development of these services during the aforesaid period are :—

(In crores of Rs.)

Year	Tele-phone	Post	Tele-graphs (inclu-ding Telex)
1991-92 .	3347.40	38.80	53.07
1992-93 .	4544.96	61.13	60.77
1993-94 .	5495.44	66.09	85.04

Post Offices io the Villages in Madhya Pradesh

1937. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have done any survey in Madhya Pradesh regard ing the villages which do not have Post Offices at present;

(b) if so, what are the cusuict-wise detail* thereof;

(c) by when Government propose to open Post Offices in all the villages of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government propose to make available mobile post offices in such villages ox the State for the time being to cater to the postal needs of villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) There is a system of carrying out regular survey by inspecting staff of post office. Out of 7 o,220 villages in Madhya Pradesh, 10,078 villages are having post offices and 66,142 villages are without post offices.

(b) District-wise number of village* with and without post offices are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below)

(c) At present, there is no plan to open post offices in all the villages in Madhya Pradesh, However, it is targetted to open 9 extra departmental branch post offices and 8 sub post offices in Madhya Pradesh, during the current financial year. No time limit can however be indicated for opening of post offices in villages of Madhya Pradesh as post offices are being opened annually according to the Plan targets on the fulfilment of de-partmental norms and availability of re-sources.

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

District-wise number of villages with and without Post offices in Madhya Pradesh.

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of villages with post office	No. of villages without post offices
1.	Bhopal	61	481
2.	Chhatarpur	202	990
3.	Panna	144	904
4.	Tikamgarh	167	806
5.	Sagar	180	1901
6.	Damoh	171	1228
7.	Hoshangabad	218	1336
8.	Narsinghpur	170	911
9.	Vidisha	148	1476
10.	Raisen	192	1317
11.	Guna	178	2087
12.	Shivpuri	207	1252
13.	Gwalior	141	635
14.	Datia	86	359
15.	Sehore	146	926
16.	Rajgarh (Biaora)	142	1594
17.	Indore	107	538
18.	Dewas	153	981
19.	Dhar	193	1378
20.	Khandwa (East Nimar)	197	871
21.	Khergone (West Nimar)	280	1891
22.	Mandsaur	279	1482
23.	Murena	237	1169
24.	Bhind	234	699
25.	Ratlam	154	923
26.	Jhabua	154	1203
27.	Ujjain	160	975
28.	Shajapur	159	965
29.	Raipur	549	3484
30.	Jabalpur	304	2096
31.	Bilaspur	506	2994
32.	Shahdol	260	1846
33.	Sidhi	181	1701
34.	Raigarh	407	1837
35.	Surguja	264	2168
36.	Chindwara	250	1734
37.	Betul	206	1200
38.	Rewa	310	2415
39.	Satna	265	1775
40.	Balaghat	209	1179
41.	Mandla	205	1955
42.	Seoni	183	1430
43.	Bastar	553	3327
44.	Durg	277	1544
45.	Rajnandgaon	199	2179

स्मारक डाक टिकटों का जारी किया जाना

1938. **श्री. अजीत जोगी** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का यह नीतिगत निर्णय है कि किसी महान व्यक्ति की याद में कोई स्मारक डाक-टिकट सामान्यतः उनकी 10वीं/25वीं/50वीं 100वीं पुण्यतिथि अथवा जन्मशती के अवसर पर जारी किया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह निर्णय कब से प्रभावी होगा ;

(ग) क्या उपर्युक्त निर्णय के संबंध में अब तक कोई अपवाद भी हुए है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री सुखराम) :

(क) और (ख) जी हां । वर्तमान नीति यही है ।

(ग) और (घ) विनिर्दिष्ट वर्षगांठों/जन्म शताब्दी के अलावा अन्य अवसरों पर भी अर्थात् सभी संबद्ध पहलुओं पर विचार करने के बाद स्मारक/विशेष डाक-टिकट जारी किए गए हैं ।

Norms for Locations of Mail Boxes

1939. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the methods of norms to identify the location for providing mail boxes;

(b) whether these norms are observed; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not providing mail boxes at Railway Stations and S. T. Stands in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Letter boxes in urban areas are normally provided in central locations, keeping in mind factors like density of population, public requirement and a minimum distance of 1 Km. from the nearest letter box. In rural areas they are planted near places of general importance at a central point in the village so as to be of maximum advantage to the public. Government's objective is to provide the facility of letter box in every village with a population of 500 and above in Uic 8th Plan.

(b) and (c) The above guidelines are being kept in mind when planting letter boxes. In Maharashtra, 856 villages **with**